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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is Form 1449 citing documents cited in the search report (copy enclosed) of the European Patent Office. The undersigned certifies that the documents of the European search report were forwarded to him by the European associate by letter dated February 22, 2005, following receipt of the European search report on December 13, 2004, by the European associate.

The listed German document DE-35 43 641-A1 is the publication of a German patent application and was published on June 19, 1987. No English language equivalent of the German document is known.

However, the drawings of the DE-35 43 641-A1 are believed to be sufficient for understanding the disclosure of this document. For example, the drawings show an engine block 10, a cylinder head 12, and a cylinder head gasket 14. This gasket 14 has a sheet metal layer 14a with a coolant passage opening to which a flow conducting element 16 is joined. As indicated by arrows in Figures 1, 2, 3A, and 4 of the German document, a flow of coolant flows against the cylinder head gasket in a direction

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